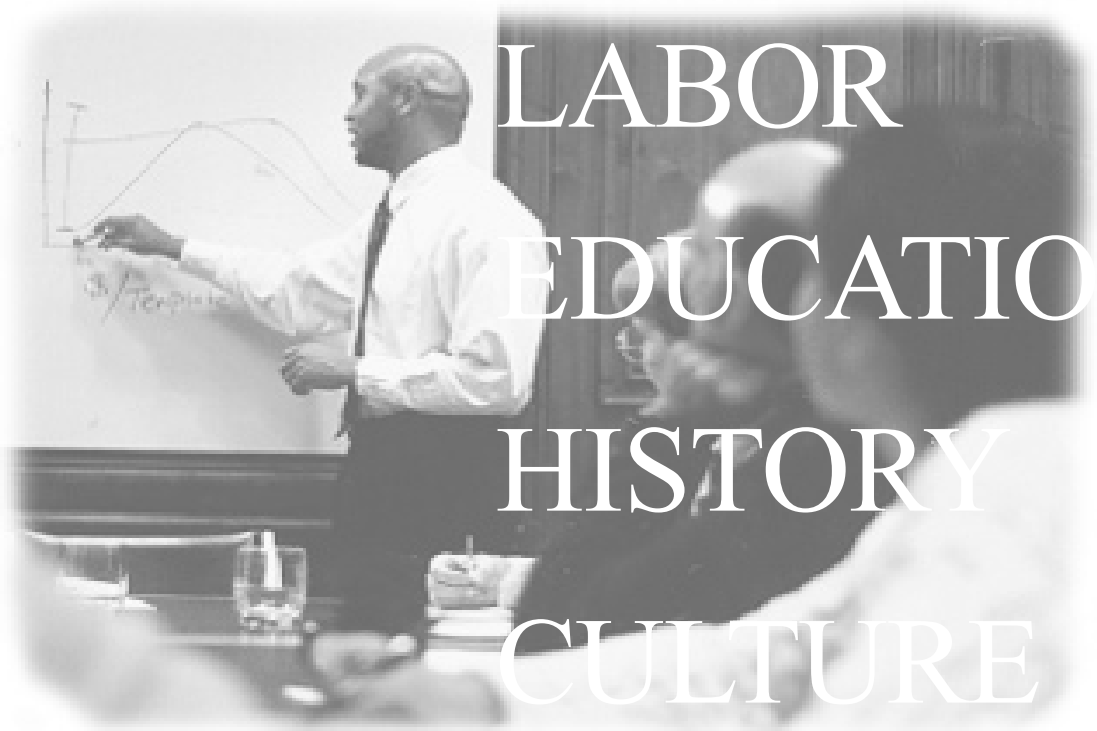


CADDOPARISH



PARISH

“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

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Caddo Parish

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History¹

Caddo Parish, originally part of the Natchitoches District, came into existence on January 18, 1838. The parish takes its name from Caddo Indians, who, in 1835, sold their territory (comprising all of Caddo Parish, parts of Arkansas, and East Texas) to the United States for \$80,000. Long before the early European explorers made their way into the territory, the tribes of the Caddo Nation were well established in the Red River valley. Along the western border of the parish, the mounds which marked the international boundary between the U.S.

and the Republic of Texas still exist. These markers are five feet high and 15 feet in diameter and were erected a mile apart. Caddo Parish was one of the few areas that remained in the hands of the Confederacy during the Civil War. From 1863 to 1865 the new parish courthouse served as the wartime capitol. The last surrender of arms in the state occurred on the courthouse square in Shreveport.

Culture and Recreation³

Steeped with southern tradition coupled with modern progressiveness, Caddo and Bossier Parishes offer a variety of attractions, festivals, nationally-acclaimed sporting events, art galleries and museums. Linked together by the nation's largest neon-lit bridge, Shreveport and Bossier City offer abundant shopping, accommodations and specialty foods. Louisiana Downs and riverboat casinos offer adult entertainment, while children of all ages can enjoy a trip to Hamel's Amusement Park and Water Town U.S.A. Or enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Gardens of the American Rose Center and the Barnwell Garden and Art Center. The area is surrounded by tranquil lakes and over 3,000 acres of landscaped parks. Caddo and Bossier Parishes are culture-filled with a metropolitan ballet company, opera, symphony, art galleries, theater and museums.



Parish Seat¹ Shreveport¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Shreveport

1990 198,034

1997 (estimate) 200,827

Parish Population²

1990 248,253

1997 (estimate) 244,943

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	57%
African American	42%
Other	1%
Male	47%
Female	53%
Population age 0-4	7%
Population age 65 & over	11%

Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	174 ft.
Land area in square miles	882.1
Water area in square miles ⁴	54.9

Climate²

Average temperatures	
Annual	67°
January	53°
July	82°
Annual average rainfall	65.6 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	116,400
Employed	108,200
Unemployed	8,208
Unemployment	7.0%

Agriculture¹

Cotton, soybeans, hay, timber, grain, sorghums, corn, pecans, rice and sweet potatoes.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Bossier

Bossier Parish Community College

Shreveport

Centenary College; Louisiana State

University; Southern University

Public Libraries⁵ 20

Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	3.6%
High school graduate or higher	73.4%
Some college or higher	42.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.2%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²
Private Employers

Schumpert Medical Center (Medical)	3,027
General Motors Corporation (Trucks)	2,685
Willis-Knighton Health System (Medical)	2,000

Public Employers

Caddo Parish School System (Education)	6,041
LSU Medical Center (Medical)	5,295
City of Shreveport (Government)	3,047

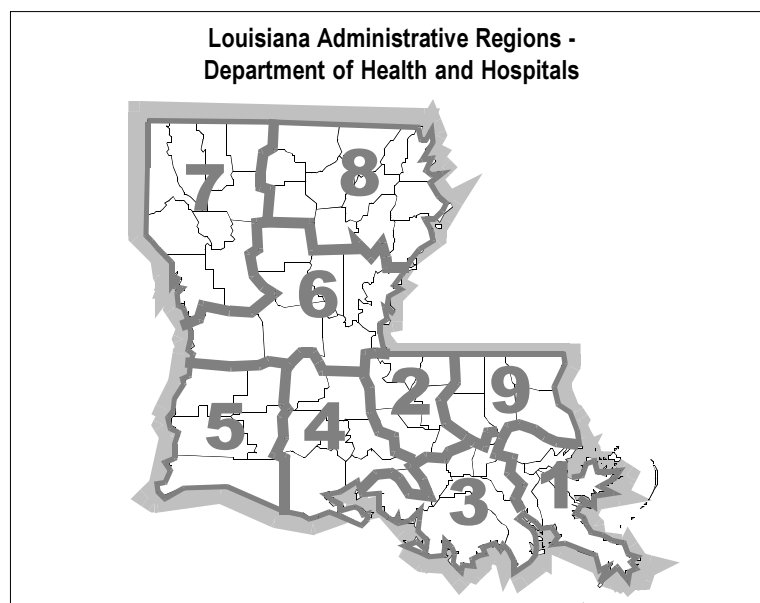
Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	22.6%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	35.4%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$21,876



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Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington